

# DESIGNER PORTFOLIO

## *Designing Kitchens and Baths with...*



### ALNO San Francisco

Deganit Albalak owns ALNO San Francisco, the local venue for the German maker of luxury cabinetry. After completion of her studies 20 years ago, Albalak has enjoyed a successful career as an interior and architectural designer. Her belief in innovation, quality and service is a perfect fit with ALNO's philosophy of personalization, function and technology.

**Q:** How did you make the space work for your clients' needs?

**A:** This new Napa Valley home required a kitchen reflecting the owners' fine art collection and the beauty of the landscape. To complement the owners' contemporary taste, I created a kitchen with furniture-like cabinets, elegant frosted glass, decorative lights and concrete tiles. To take advantage of the views, I placed the work area in a way that allows them to enjoy the kitchen and the vineyards at the same time.

**Q:** How did you design storage and make the best use of the available kitchen space?

**A:** The beauty of the ALNO product is that it provides maximum storage efficiency with high-end materials. We were able to combine highly functional storage—multiple drawers, spice and pantry pull-outs—with high-gloss lacquer fronts which reflect the landscape. Artistically lit display niches make the kitchen look more like a gallery, and allow the clients to display their art.

**Q:** What materials did you use in this kitchen?

**A:** The use of high-gloss lacquer, frosted glass and stainless steel appliances emphasize the style expressed in other rooms and allow the kitchen to integrate with the rest of the house. The contemporary accents and our efforts to bring the outdoors in strike a perfect balance of the modern and manmade with nature.

**Q:** Where did you source the materials?

**A:** The majority of the materials come through ALNO. The ALNO concept of kitchen design incorporates space and function with a homeowner's needs. Every detail (large and small) is evaluated and addressed in order to create a harmonious space.



ABOVE: In the new kitchen, the clients enjoy great function as well as views of vineyards and modern architecture.

BELOW: The kitchen is now a showcase for their artwork gathered during their trips around the world.

